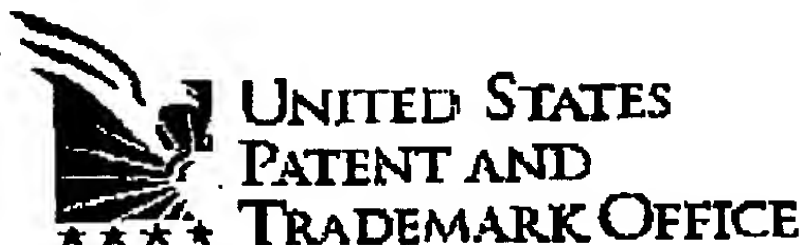


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AMENDMENT

20 Dear Sir:

In response to a non-final Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, please amend the
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This paper includes (each beginning on a separate sheet):

- 25 1. Amendments to the claims; and
2. Remarks/Discussion of Issues.

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21. (New) method of claim 18 wherein the end user receives security information within a digital certificate.
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22. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the entities the end user can trust
5 include a certification authority.
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23. (New) A method of controlling a computer system, comprising:
storing a software provider root security information object in a local computing device;
10 producing local root security information based on the stored software provider root security information object, wherein said local root security information identifies trusted entities, provides trust information that specifies the roles that the trusted entities can fulfill, and designates who can modify the local root entity information;
receiving updated trust information;
15 validating the received updated trust information using the local root security information and the software provider root security information object and updating the local root security information with the validated trust information.
- 46
24. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the local computing device sends
20 local root security information to an upper-level entity.
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25. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the upper-level entity sends local root security information to a software provider.
- 45
26. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the end user receives updated trust information embedded within a digital certificate.
- 40
27. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the entities the local user can trust include a certification authority.
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28. (New) A method of updating trust relationships of users, wherein each user includes stored software provider information and stored user root security information, the method comprising:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please ADD new claims 18-32 and subsequently CANCEL claims 1-17.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

5 application.

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled).

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- 10 ⁴⁰18. (New) A method of securing a computer system of an end user, comprising:
storing a software provider root security information object in an end user's
computer system; and
producing an end user root security information object based on the software
provider root security information object;
receiving security information from a higher-level entity;
validating the received security information using the end user root security
15 information object; and
updating the end user root security information object based on validated security
information;
wherein the end user root security information object determines the entities the
end user can trust, determines what functions a trusted entity can perform, and
20 determines who can update the root security information object;
wherein the end user root security information object is controlled by the software
provider root security information object; and
wherein the computer system refuses information from an entity that is not
included in the end user root security information object.
- 25 ⁴¹26. (New) The method of claim ⁴⁰18 wherein the end user sends end user security
information to the higher-level entity.
- ⁴²30. (New) The method of claim ⁴¹26 wherein the higher-level entity sends end user
security information to a software provider.

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maintaining an upper level root security information object in a computing device, wherein the upper level root security information object includes information regarding the user root security information of each user and information on the stored software provider information; and

5 sending a selected user updated security information;

wherein the sent updated security information is security protected using the selected user's stored user root security information and the software provider information; and

10 wherein the sent updated security information includes information regarding a trusted entity.

29. (New) A method of claim 28 wherein the sent updated security information regards a certification authority.

15 30. (New) A method of claim 28 wherein the sent updated security information is embedded in a digital certificate.

31. (New) A method of claim 30 wherein the digital certificate is in accord with X.509 version 3.

20 32. (New) A method of claim 28 wherein the sent updated security information is also sent to a software provider.

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REMARKS

5 The Examiner stated that the amendment filed on 3-18-2003 cancelling all claims drawn to the elected invention (elected by original presentation) and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-response (MPEP § 821.03).

10 Applicants thank the Examiner for the opportunity to address the issues presented by the Examiner. After carefully considering the specification, the original claims, the second set of claims present by the 3-18-2003 amendment, the Examiner's statements, and MPEP §821.03, the Applicants amend the application to cancel all pending claims and to add a third set of claims.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

15 Thus, the applicants submit that none of the claims, presently in the application are obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Consequently, the applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

20 If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone or Eamon J. Wall, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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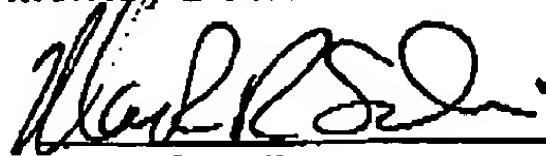
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